

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Biological Technicians \(19-4021\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health \(19-4091\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 68

Focus Occupation: Biological Technicians (19-4021)

Associated Occupation: Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health (19-4091)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Computers and Electronics	8.4	13.6	9.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Chemistry	4.8	13.2	13.5	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Biology	3.7	11.4	18.9	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Public Safety and Security	6.9	11.1	5.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Physics	4.3	9.9	4.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Law and Government	5.9	9.8	3.7	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Geography	3.9	9.7	2.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86

Focus Occupation: Biological Technicians (19-4021)

Associated Occupation: Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health (19-4091)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Science	4.5	10.3	11.2	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Mathematics	6.2	9.2	9.4	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operations Analysis	5.0	7.9	4.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities	Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Written Expression	9.8	12.9	11.6	< Some improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	12.8	13.9	0 Current ability level may be sufficient
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	9.1	10.1	> Current ability level is likely sufficient
Number Facility	6.3	9.0	8.7	0 Current ability level may be sufficient
Rate Control	3.8	6.7	3.1	<< Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87
Focus Occupation: Biological Technicians (19-4021) Associated Occupation: Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health (19-4091)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adhere to safety procedures	12	
Analyze biological research, test, or analysis data	70	
Analyze chemical experimental, test, or analysis data or findings	69	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	
Collect samples for testing	58	
Collect scientific or technical data	30	
Collect statistical data	47	
Communicate technical information	4	
Compile numerical or statistical data	38	
Conduct analyses or tests of organic compounds	71	
Conduct field research or investigative studies	52	
Conduct laboratory research or experiments	57	
Conduct standardized qualitative laboratory analyses	62	
Conduct standardized quantitative laboratory analyses	62	
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43	
Develop or maintain databases	30	
Develop tables depicting data	33	
Direct and coordinate activities of workers or staff	3	

Examine biological or other material specimens under microscope	73
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Follow infectious materials procedures	52
Follow microbiology procedures	74
Follow safe waste disposal procedures	50
Maintain records, reports, or files	5
Measure, weigh, or count products or materials	17
Obtain technical support instructions from scientists or engineers	87
Prepare reports	8
Prepare sample for laboratory testing, analysis, or microscopy	74
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Record test results, test procedures, or inspection data	48
Set up or calibrate laboratory equipment	78
Use biological testing instruments	73
Use chemical testing or analysis procedures	54
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use health or sanitation standards	62
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use knowledge of metric system	39
Use laboratory equipment	60
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use microscope	71
Use precision measuring tools or equipment	17
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 46

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Autoclave and sterilizer equipment and accessories	12
Business function specific software	1
Chemical evaluation instruments and supplies	10
Computer data input devices	2
Computer printers	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1

Content management software	6
Data management and query software	1
Electrochemical measuring instruments and accessories	9
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Laboratory centrifuges and accessories	13
Pipettes and liquid handling equipment and supplies	16
Spectroscopic equipment	10
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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